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Docket No.: 176/60813 (6-11400-728)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	:	Kende et al.	)
Serial No.	:	10/772,599	)
Cnfrm. No.	:	5421	)
Filing Date	:	February 5, 2004	)
For	:	IMMUNOGENIC CONJUGATES OF GRAM- NEGATIVE BACTERIAL ANTOINDUCER MOLECULES AND ANTIBODIES RAISED AGAINST THE SAME	)

Examiner: S. Devi

Art Unit: 1645

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the May 26, 2004, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e. claims 16 and 17) with traverse. Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no benefit is derived from imposing this restriction requirement, it should be withdrawn in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 28, 2004

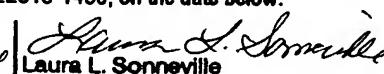
  
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